

Part of an Increasing Trend

4 More Women Join Police Force

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More women are cruising city streets here, prowling dark alleys with a keen eye out for criminals and those who challenge the law.

They are part of an increasing trend . . . the woman cop.

The Hayward Police Department this month added two more women to its patrol force, which previously had one woman officer, a patrol sergeant and one detective.

Seven officers and two police assistants are the latest hired. Four of the new staff members are women, with two being added to the patrol force.

Linda Howe, 28, and Cheryl Williams, 29, went on patrol this week and Sharon Packard and Chris Schengel joined an internal force of police assistants. Male of-

ficers also joining the department include Arthur Balizan, 22; Antonio Guerrero, 23; Dennis Churich, 25; Gary Branson, 22, and Bruce Carpenter, 28.

The new officers will participate in a field training program with regular patrol officers until September when they report to the Modesto Police Academy for spe-

cialized training.

Following the specialized training program the officers will return to regular patrols.